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[redacted] Called Russ Rourke, in the office of John O. Marsh, Counsellor to the President, to see if he had gotten any feedback from the Hill on the status of the [redacted] legislation. Rourke said the original strategy had been to try to get the bill before the Senate on unanimous consent but Senator Thomas Eagleton had objected to this and they were now faced with the question of some alternative means of bringing the issue before the Senate. He pointed out if the Senate does not act in time for the House Rules Committee to meet this evening, there will be no chance of getting action on the House floor tomorrow.

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I told Rourke that Representative William Broomfield had asked us for a letter from the Director stating insofar as possible in an unclassified communication, [redacted] I read Rourke a draft of our letter to Broomfield and said I would like to know if there was any White House objection. I also said we could probably send a similar letter to the Senate if that was desired. (Rourke advised me later that the matter of the Broomfield letter had been discussed with Jack Marsh and General Scowcroft and they were in favor of such a letter. They also agreed, however, that we should not engage in any extensive lobbying except in consultation with the White House.)

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8. [redacted] Charles Snodgrass, staff of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, called to advise me that a number of members of the Subcommittee will be travelling to the Far East during the August recess and will be accompanied by three members of the full Committee who are not on the Defense Subcommittee. The group will include Representative Joseph Addabbo (D., N. Y.), John J. Flynt (D., Ga.), Robert N. Giaimo (D., Conn.), Jack Edwards (R., Ala.), J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.), Elford Cederberg (R., Mich.), Lawrence Coughlin (R., Pa.), Clarence Miller (R., Ohio) and George Shipley (D., Ill.)-- the latter three are not members of the Subcommittee. He said they would be visiting Korea, Japan, Taipei, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Guam and Honolulu. A number of congressional wives will make the trip along with Snodgrass, George Seymour (of DOD) as escort officer) and a number of military personnel. He said the members had not expressed any interest in getting with our people except to get a briefing in [redacted] Snodgrass said he would like to talk to our [redacted] wherever possible, however, and he also asked if we could provide the group with background information on the important personalities in the countries they will be visiting.

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After conferring with the Director, I told Snodgrass it would be best if the group asks DOD for the consulate briefing on China which [redacted] would be happy to supplement as appropriate. Snodgrass said this sounded alright with him but he would check it with Ralph Preston, of the Subcommittee staff.

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25X1 [redacted] Called Stuart Statler, Minority Chief Counsel, Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation, and advised him that we would not be able to make the briefing scheduled for 0930 today because additional information on the Soviet grain situation may change and offered to provide the briefing jointly with Howard Feldman, also of the Subcommittee staff, on 1 August. Statler objected saying that Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.) needed the information before today's vote scheduled for 1355 hours. I explained that we are dealing with [redacted] which simply requires an interpretation and it is not likely that we can do this today. He said the matter was urgent and he would like to have George Cary call him later this morning.

25X1D 8. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted] OCI, [redacted] OCI and [redacted] OSR, to a briefing of Representative Paul Findley (R., Ill.) which lasted approximately 40 minutes. Congressman Findley will be visiting Korea, Japan and China. His interests in China were the following: Sino Soviet border, possibility of seeing the Chinese Agriculture Minister, Formosa problem, Diego Garcia, and existence of any current major problem between Peking and Washington. On Korea, he was interested in the state of political repression in Seoul and what chance he had of seeing President Park. Re Japan, his concern was Japan's attitude towards the mutual defense treaty with the U.S., particularly the attitudes of the opposition parties.

It was more of a question and answer session than a briefing. He seemed to be pleased on what he got from us. On parting, I expressed the hope that he would share some of his observations after his trip with us. He said he would.

25X1 9. [redacted] Spoke with Rick Gureghian, in the office of Representative Gerry E. Studds (D., Mass.), who had called late yesterday afternoon to ask whether the Agency was going to make a public statement on reports that American mercenaries were being trained at Quantico Marine Base to fight in Rhodesia. I had conferred with Angus Thuermer, Assistant to the Director, and [redacted] Executive Assistant to the DDO, and explained to Gureghian that the Agency had a policy of not responding to press allegations regardless of their content. He seemed satisfied with this answer.

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